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SUBJECT: BAUXITE NEGOTIATIONS SITREP 11

PM MANLEY ANNOUNCES BAUXITE INVESTIGATIONS

1. AT THE TAIL END OF HIS PRESS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCING THE SUCCESSFUL SUGAR NEGOTIATIONS WITH GREAT BRITAIN PRIME MINISTERMANLEY TOLD THE PRESS THAT TALKS WITH THE BAUXITE COMPANIES WILL GET UNDER WAY NEXT MONTH. THE PM SAID THAT THE TALKS WILL BE HELD IN JAMAICA, AND THAT RENEGOTIATION PRICE BEING PAID FOR BAUXITE IS PART OF GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF GETTING MORE FROM MAJOR EXPORTS TO HELP THE ISLAND'S FINANCIAL STUATION. HE ADDED THAT A LEVEL OF SENSITIVITY AND INTELLIGENCE WHICH HAD CHARACTERIZED THE LONDON SUGAR TALKS WOULD BE NEEDED IF THE CONSULTATIONS ON BAUXITE WERE TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

2. COMMENT: THOSE IN GOVERNMENT CIRCLES ARE EXUBERANT AT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SUGAR TALK WHICH, EVEN IF IT ONLY COVERS JAMAICA'S COST OF PRODUCTION, IS NEVERTHELESS A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT
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OVER THE PREVIOUS SITUATION. MANLEY IS TAKING PERSONAL

CREDIT FOR THE NEGOTIATION, AND ITS RELATIVE SUCCESS HAS
PROBABLY ADDED TO THE CONVICTION THAT A HARD LINE IS
THE BEST TACTIC TO TAKE WHEN DEALING WITH METROPOLITAN
POWERS. HEWITT

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